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1. The 1955 plan for research and development, which, as of mid-February 1955, had not yet received the approval of the Council of Ministers and the Volkskammer, provided in its original version (established by the Central Office for Research and Development - Z.F.T) that the amount of 221 million DME be made available for research and development in all enterprises and institutes affiliated with the Ministry for Machine Construction. In early February 1955, Z.F.T was notified that this amount had been reduced to 191 million DME. It is believed that this reduction was a belated measure within the framework of the so-called "new course" policy tending to limit the funds allowed for heavy industrial production and development in favor of development concerned with the production of mass consumer goods.

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the reduction of funds
certainly was a "wrong switch" (falsche Schaltung) in view of the newest developments.

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2. The 1955 research and development plan provides funds in the amount of about 100 million DME for research and development in all enterprises and institutes of the chemical industry and of light industry. The bulk of this amount, almost 90 million DME, is for research and development in the chemical field alone.

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